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Co-operative Societies

Alleged administrative confusion in the Tinnevelly Bridge Co-operative Society.

*552 *Q.*—Mr. Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the proceedings of the meetings dated 17th April 1927 and 24th April 1927 of the general body of members and of the Directors, respectively, of the Tinnevelly Bridge Co-operative Credit Society, Limited, and the administrative confusion that seems to exist in that society ;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any and if so, what action in regard to the matter ;

(*c*) whether in the interests of the co-operative movement, the Government intend amending the Act or making rules so that, in the event of any disputes between two sets of Directors or other officers for possession of the funds, books, etc., of these societies, the Government may appoint an officer to administer the affairs of the societies till the dispute is settled by the Government ;

(*d*) whether the Government have made any provision for safeguarding the interests of members and depositors when the accounts, etc., are destroyed by accident or design ; and

(*e*) if the Government have not made any such provision, whether the Government propose to issue an order that copies of accounts of everyday transactions—receipts and disbursements—should be sent regularly on the next day by all societies and that the cost of taking copies, preserving the same and other incidental duties be charged for at self-supporting rates on the societies ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have now perused copies of the proceedings referred to.

(*b*) Both the parties in the society applied to the Deputy Registrar for arbitration. The matter was referred to the Assistant Registrar for arbitration. Both the parties accepted the decision of the arbitrator and the matter ended.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

(*d*) & (*e*) According to the rules, each society had to maintain a liability register showing the indebtedness of each member to the society whether on account of loans taken directly by him or on account of loans for which he stands as surety. The Registrar has issued a circular amending the form of the statement so as to include the names of all members, whether borrowers or not. The entries in this register will be brought up to date once a year and a copy of it will be sent to the Registrar's office.